

## MINUTES

Tuesday, June 15, 1999  
Governor's Board Room  
State Capitol  
3:00 - 5:00 pm

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**Present:** Judge Joseph Anderson, Dan Becker, Georgia Block, Rep. Afton Bradshaw, Douglas Bodrero, Gary Dalton, Craig Dearden, Pete Haun, Sen. Joseph Hull, Reed Richards/Jan Graham, Marilyn Sandberg, Gregory Skordas, Sheriff Mike Spanos, Ronald Vance and David Yocom. **Excused:** Jan Graham, Chief Richard Hendricks, Richard McKelvie, John T. Nielsen, Judge Sandra Peuler and Mike Sibbett. **Staff/Visitors:** Camille Anthony, Duane Betourney, Mary Boudreau, Mary Lou Bozich, Susan Burke, John Darrow, Marvin Dodge, Judge Garff, Ron Gordon, Mike Haddon, Jennifer Hemenway, Justin Jones, Ed McConkie, Ron Oldroyd, Dorothy Poulsen, Briant Smith, Helen Stromberg, Darrin Underwood, Dave Walsh and Richard Ziebarth.

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**Vice Chair Craig Dearden convened the meeting at 3:10 pm.** He welcomed everyone in attendance. A motion by Sheriff Mike Spanos to approve the April 20, 1999 and the May 18, 1999 minutes was approved unanimously.

**Election of CCJJ Officers and Executive Committee.** Mr. Dearden opened the floor for nominations. Rep. Afton Bradshaw made a motion to nominate Doug Bodrero as Chair, Gary Dalton as Vice Chair and the Executive Committee as presently constituted. Sen. Joseph Hull seconded the motion. Dan Becker made a motion to close the nominations. Pete Haun seconded the motion and those present voted in favor of closing the nominations. Reed Richard made a motion for acclamation. Dan Becker seconded the motion and the motion passed favorably. Mr. Dearden turned the remainder of the meeting over to the new chair, Doug Bodrero.

**Staff Recognition.** Dorothy Poulsen, Administrative Assistant/Extraditions Coordinator for CCJJ is retiring as of July 2, 1999. Ms. Poulsen has served for many years as staff secretary for the Commission. Mr. Bodrero expressed appreciation for all that Ms. Poulsen has done for CCJJ and recognized her for the years of service to the Commission.

**Justice Group Report to the Governor.** Craig Dearden reviewed the recommendations of the Justice Group concerning possible firearms legislation. He explained that the recommendations were

placed in two categories long- and short-term. The short-term were things that could be put into place immediately with minimal funding. The long-term recommendations could wait for a general legislative session.

Camille Anthony explained in conjunction with the Justice Group the Board of Mental Health received the assignment to look at the mental health aspect. Ms. Anthony reviewed the long- and short-term recommendations made by the Board of Mental Health.

**Family Court Issue Briefing.** Mary Boudreau distributed an issue briefing put together by Utah Children discussing the importance of Family Courts. She encouraged the Commission to review the issues surrounding the family court proposal and to make recommendations to the Judicial Council.

**Crime Reduction Plan and Grant.** Representative Swallow's legislation, HR145, requires the Commission to put together a statewide crime reduction plan. Commission members were given a copy of the information collection form that is being sent out to all the chiefs and sheriffs in the state. As part of the planning process Ms. Anthony encouraged all Commission members to take time to respond to the survey.

**Crime Reduction Conference and CCJJ Annual Meeting.** After some discussion it was the decision of the Commission to hold a Crime Reduction Conference September 22, 1999 in St. George, Utah. Mr. Bodrero encouraged Commission members to calendar that date and, if possible, make arrangements to attend the Crime Reduction Conference. The regular Commission meeting scheduled for September 21<sup>st</sup> would then be canceled and the annual Commission retreat would be held the afternoon of Thursday, September 30 and Friday, October 1.

**Jacob Wetterling Act.** Ron Gordon discussed issues that present problems in complying with the Jacob Wetterling Act. There is some concern that federal funds could be lost for lack of compliance. These issues have been presented to the Department of Corrections. Ms. Anthony reminded Commission members that their position in the past was to submit the application without making any changes for purposes of complying with the mandates. Making minimal administrative changes at this point, however, could give the State a better chance of being in compliance.

Gary Dalton made a motion to make the necessary changes to the original position on the Jacob Wetterling Act in order to bring the State into compliance. Afton Bradshaw seconded the motion and the motion passed

**Aimee's Law.** Ron Gordon explained that Aimee's Law was introduced in two separate bills and was most recently amended into Senator Hatch's juvenile legislation, Senate Bill 254. The version amended into Senator Hatch's bill states that if a person who has been convicted of murder, rape or dangerous sexual offense is released and commits a subsequent offense in a different state (a murder, rape or dangerous sexual offense), the first state will have to pay for the cost of prosecution and incarceration of that offender in the second state. The first state will do that by having funds

deducted from their federal criminal justice funds which they receive from the federal government. Example: State one convicts someone of murder, releases them, that offender goes across state lines and commits another murder. The federal government would then transfer money from state one's account into state two's account to pay for the prosecution and the incarceration. That is true unless one of three circumstances applies and they are: 1) the original state has adopted federal truth in sentencing guidelines; 2) the original state has imposed a sentence on that person that is at least 10% above the average term of a prison sentence by all states; or 3) the state has made a particular offender serve at least 85% of his sentence. If any of those three things apply then funds would not have to be transferred. Mr. Bodrero commented that all three of the above run counter to Utah's indeterminate sentencing practice.

Greg Skordas made a motion to send a letter strongly opposing the above mentioned conditions. David Yocum seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**Discussion and Approval of Crime Prevention Grants and Gang Mini Grants.** Susan Burke reminded the Commission of their responsibility to award the \$295,000 set aside for Crime Prevention Grants. She presented the recommendation of the Crime Prevention Grants review committee.

Craig Dearden made a motion to accept the review committee's funding recommendations for the State Crime Prevention Grants as presented. Reed Richard seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Ms. Burke also presented the Gang Mini Grants recommendations made by the Gang Mini Grants review Committee. Of the \$100,000 available for Gang Mini Grants \$78,830 was recommended for award.

Rep. Afton Bradshaw made a motion to accept the review committee's funding recommendations for the State Gang Mini Grant Programs. Dan Becker seconded the motion and the motion passed.

Gary Dalton made a motion to provide additional funding to the Utah Commission on Volunteers out of the remaining undeobligated state grant funds when such funds become available. The award would be contingent upon modification of their original grant to include gang recognition/gang training related activities for their mentors and volunteers. Georgia Block seconded the motion and the motion passed.

**VOITIS.** Dave Walsh reported that the State Legislature approved construction of the Richfield multi-use facility. Because the Legislature ran short of funds they put in a funding source of other funds up to \$300,000. Mr. Walsh recommended that VOITIS funds be used as the other funding source for the Richfield multi-use facility.

Rep. Afton Bradshaw made a motion to use \$300,000 of VOITIS funds for the Richfield multi-use facility. Georgia Block seconded the motion and the motion passed. There was one abstention.

**Crime Reduction Task Force.** This item was deferred.

**1-877-SAFERUT.** This item was deferred.

**Juvenile Justice Audit.** This item was deferred.

**Next Meeting.** The Commission usually takes the month of July off. The Executive Committee will meet and Commission members will be notified if the July meeting will be canceled.

Dave Yocum made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:17 pm.